(b) if so, the districts identified in Jharkhand for this purpose; and

(c) how the money earmarked has been made use of by these districts during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) revised in the year 2005-06, includes a special component for extending 100% financial assistance by Ministry of Home Affairs to 76 naxal affected districts @ Rs.2.00 crore per district. The 16 (sixteen) naxal affected districts namely Hazaribagh, Lohardagga, Palamu, Chatra, Garhwa, Ranchi, Gumla, Simdega, Latehar, Giridih, Koderma, Bokaro, Dhanbad, East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Saraikela-Kharaswan were identified in 2005-06 for financial assistance under the Scheme. However, the Ministry has presently identified 18 districts as naxal affected districts for support. The 18 naxal affected districts in Jharkhand are Bokaro, Chatra, Garhwa, Gumla, Hazaribagh, Latehar, Lohardaga, East Singhbhum, Palamau, West Singhbhum Ranchi, Simdega, Giridih, Koderma, Dhanbad, Saraikela-Kharaswan, Khunti and Ramgarh. During the financial year 2008-09 and 2009-10 an amount of Rs.20.00 crore and Rs.16.00 crore respectively @ Rs.2.00 crore per district has been allocated for 18 districts in Jharkhand for construction of police stations, police outposts and fortification of police stations/outposts. The State Government has been advised to utilize the funds for the intended purpose. However, the utilization certificate from the State Government for the funds released in 2008-09 will be due on 01.4.2010.

Naxalite violence in Jharkhand

670. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many incidents of naxalite violence took place in Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) how many naxalites, civilians and police force personnel killed in these incidents;

(c) the steps taken by Government to curb naxalite incidents in the State;

(d) how many districts of the State have been identified as naxal affected districts; and

(e) what has been the role of the high level Task Force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) and (b) There were 1885 incidents of naxal violence in Jharkhand since 2006 with casualties of 522 civilians and 143 policemen. 113 naxalites were killed in action during this period.

(c) The Central Government assists efforts of the State Governments to deal with naxalites in the States. These include deployment of Central paramilitary forces (CPMFs); sanction of India Reserve (IR) battalions, modernisation and upgradation of the State Police and their Intelligence apparatus under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme); re-imbursement of security related expenditure under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme; assistance in training of State Police through Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organisations and Bureau of Police Research and Development; sharing of Intelligence and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Central Ministries.

(d) On the basis of intensity of naxal violence, 18 districts of Jharkhand have been included under the SRE Scheme.

(e) A Task Force under Cabinet Secretary has been constituted for promoting coordinated efforts across a range of development and security measures.

Plan to revamp intelligence and security network

671. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any concrete plan to revamp the country's Intelligence and Security Network to make it as a Super Security Agency in the wake of serious threats posed to our country;

(b) whether there is a proposal to organize N.C.T.C. (National Counter and Terrorism Centre) similar to that of NCTC organized in U.S.A., after September Blast in Mumbai;

(c) whether the proposed NCTC will collect intelligence from other central agencies now in existence and whether the MAC (Macro Agency Centre) will cease to exist and operate;

(d) whether U.S.A. has taken 21-2 years to organize the NCTC; and

(e) how long India will take to organise this Super Security Agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) As part of an ongoing exercise, several steps have been taken to strengthen and upgrade the capabilities of intelligence and security agencies both at the Central level and the State level, as well as to enhance information sharing and operational coordination between the Central agencies and the State governments. These measures, *inter alia*, include strengthening and re-organizing of Multi-Agency Centre in the Intelligence Bureau to enable it to function on 24×7 basis for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with all other intelligence and security agencies of the Central and State Governments/Union Territories. Steps have also been taken to create online secure connectivity between Multi-Agency Centre, Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centres and State Special Branches.